

Subject: Catalogue of his Coin Collection,  
valued at \$40,000.

Toscano, Camillo, Ing., Cav.  
[Cosenza, Italy]

1922

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART  
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

March 13, 1922.

Secretary,  
American Numismatic Society,  
156th St. Near Broadway,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Robinson, the Director, received the enclosed catalogue this morning, and has directed me to mail it to you with a copy of the letter received with same, thinking you may be interested. Mr. Robinson makes the special request that in case you are not interested that you mail the catalogue back to him here at the Museum. In case you are interested and write to the owner of the catalogue in order to ascertain how much he wants for his collection, please let me know so that I can tell Mr. Robinson what has been done in the matter.

Yours very truly,

*H. E. Mason*  
Director's Assistant.

Encs.

Copy.

Cassano all' Jonio

27/2/22

To the Director of the Metropolitan  
Museum of Fine Arts,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I venture to send you a catalogue of a coin collection  
which I gathered thro' many years of search.

If you are interested in it, kindly let me know for I  
would like to sell it.

If not I would be very much obliged if you would send  
the catalogue back to me.

With many thanks,

Truly yours,

Ing. Cav. Camillo Toscano -Cassano all' Jonio<sup>1</sup>  
Italy (Cosenge)

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*In case owner wants catalog  
returned, please send to Dr. Robinson  
for transmission*

*S. P. N.*

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March 14th, 1922

W. E. Mason, Esq.  
Director's Assistant  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
New York City

Dear Mr. Mason:

In response to your letter of March 13th, if this course meets with your approval, I would suggest your writing to Cav. Toscano requesting that he inform us of the lowest valuation he would accept for the collection. The only person of whom I know who might be interested in acquiring this collection, is our President, Mr. Newell, who is expected back from Europe in about six weeks - or, in other words, in about the time that you would receive a response from the owner.

I cannot be certain that Mr. Newell would consider the purchase, but certainly the first step would be to learn the valuation placed on the coins.

If this does not seem satisfactory to you, please notify me to that effect and I will return the catalogue.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPH/B



March 16th, 1922

Ing. Cav. Camillo Toscano  
Cassano all' Ionio  
(Cosenza) Italy

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb 27th addressed to the Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been referred by him to me for reply.

With regard to the coin collection which your catalogue describes so carefully, I would say that our President, Mr. Edward T. Newell, is the only one of whom I know who might be interested. At present he is absent abroad but we expect him back in a few weeks. If you have placed a figure on your collection and will advise me of the valuation at which you hold it, I will be glad to submit the matter to Mr. Newell on his return. Of course, you realize that it would be necessary for him to see the coins before purchasing them, assuming that your price were satisfactory. How would you propose making this possible?

I will hold your catalogue until I receive a reply from you.

Awaiting your response, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

For Immediate  
Attention

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Copy.

Cassano Ionio,  
Italy (Cosenza)

18th April 1922.

To the Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art  
New York

(for the secretary)

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 16th 1922, I grieve for my bad luck, and hope at present Mr. Newell be there. In any case I beg you - as soon as this letter will be in your hands to forward the catalogue.

About the value of the collection - of whom you ask me - I think it at a rate of no less of (40) Forty thousand dollars, dealing with very beautiful and rare pieces. And being so, if you agree about the value, I will be glad to submit them to any examination an expert of yours, sent by you here in Italy, would do. And I promise you I would wait for your fiduciary the next whole month of May.

Awaiting your response,

Yours,

C. Toscano.



May 26th, 1922

W. E. Mason, Esq.  
Secretary to Director of  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art  
New York City

Dear Mr. Mason:

I beg to return, herewith, the catalogue  
of Cav. Camillo Toscano.

Mr. Newell has examined the catalogue, and  
though he is impressed with the fact that this  
is a valuable collection, he states that so far  
as a judgment can be made without seeing the coins,  
he considers its value as greatly over-estimated.  
Had he been able to get in touch with the owner  
while he was in Italy, he could then have examined  
the collection; but having purchased several others  
in the meantime, he is not now in a position to  
consider the acquisition of Cav. Toscano's collec-  
tion.

Mr. Newell has asked me to express his appre-  
ciation of having been permitted to examine this  
catalogue, and if you will kindly thank Dr. Robin-  
son on his behalf, I shall be grateful.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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Enc.